

REMARKS**Status of the Claims**

Upon entry of the above Amendment, claims 1-7, and 8-44 will be pending in the application. Of these, claims 1, 20, and 38-42 are independent. Claims 42-44 have been withdrawn from consideration as a result of the election made on May 27, 2005. The above Amendment cancels claim 8 and amends claims 1, 4-7, 9, 38, and 40. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 20-37, 39, and 41 are allowed. Claims 8 and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, However would the Examiner indicates these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Election

Applicants confirm the election of Group I (claims 1-41) made during a telephone conversation between the Examiner and the undersigned on May 27, 2005.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-7, 10-19, 38, 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,219,696 to Wynblatt et al. ("Wynblatt") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No.2003/0013483 to Ausems et al. ("Ausems"). Claim 1 has been rewritten to recite the features of allowable claim 8. In addition, independent claims 38 and 40 have been amended to recite similar features. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

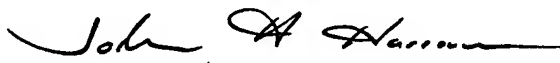
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 4208-4183. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 4208-4183. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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